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ADMITS ROBBERY OF CLAUDE BASS

James Graham Makes Clean
Breast of His Crime.

Tells Patrolman Clark, Who Worked
Up Case Against Him, About
the Murder.

STILL PLEADS SELF-DEFENSE

James Franklin Graham, slayer of Claude Bass made a full confession yesterday afternoon and this morning detailing the minute circumstances of the killing, admitting he robbed Bass and stating he left here for good because he learned Bass was dead. The statements were made to Patrolman James Clark, the man who got the first clew to the identity of the slayer, and who worked the case up from start to finish. Graham will beg the mercy of the court, but his plea will still be self-defense.

"I killed Claude Bass in self-defense; this will be my plea before the court and I now believe that a true statement of the story will be better for me," Graham said to Patrolman Clark.

Graham learned that Clark secured the affidavit from Mrs. Fletcher and sent for him. Patrolman Clark arrived yesterday afternoon and about 2 o'clock took Graham into private conference and the young man made a clean breast of the whole affair.

Patrolman Clark details the murder as follows:

"Graham sent for me. I went. He stated that he understood that I got an affidavit from Mrs. Fletcher, saying that he told her he killed a fellow named Bass with an iron bar.

"Did she tell you what the papers said she did?" he asked me. I replied in the affirmative.

"Well, I think the best way out of my trouble is to make a clean breast of the affair and beg the mercy of the court," he declared, and I assured him this was the better plan. Because I had worked the case up from the start he thought I was the man to help him out and for this reason he sent for me—to tell me the entire story.

Policeman Clark then narrated the details in Graham's own words. His story follows:

"Yes, I killed Claude Bass, and I did it with an iron bar, but acted in self-defense. Claude Bass and I met on the night of the robbery at Ninth street and Kentucky avenue. We bought whisky and the killing was over a bottle of whisky. The stories I told John Austin, Detective Moore and reporters were lies, and I am tired of lying about it. The truth will come out, as I have seen, and you know I cannot go against Mrs. Fletcher's evidence. I told her what she says and it is too late to deny it. After Bass and I met we went to several saloons and drug stores, where he bought oil to oil a pistol with. We drank a great deal and started for the lower end of town. Bass knew girls there and wanted to see them. We decided that a cool boat ride would be enjoyable and tried to hire a skiff but the fisherman would not rent us one. We sat on the end of his boat and drank the third pint of liquor and I kept the only one left. It was for this that the fight occurred.

Over Bottle of Whisky.
"A bottle of whisky caused the whole tragedy.

"Bass wanted to drink more and I thought he had too much. We were still very drunk and Bass was obstinate. He would not give up, and when he pulled his gun and shot twice I ran. I knew he had but two loads in it and when these were gone I stopped. He was on me in a minute and we grappled. I took the pistol from him and he grabbed for a knife or something in his pocket. I saw what I thought to be a stick at my feet and grabbed it. It was an iron bar about 22 inches long and pretty heavy. I do not know whether it was solid or a pipe, but I dealt him several blows on the head. He fell. I realized I had hurt him badly and in desperation knelt down, took his pocketbook containing money and his gun and fled.

"I went to Mrs. Fletcher's house and washed the blood from my hands. She asked me what I had been doing and I told her I guessed I had killed a fellow named Bass in the field. I left and spent the night in Ella Howe's house on Kentucky avenue.

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It is the daily average circulation of a newspaper that the shrewd advertiser investigates—"High Water" days don't count. The Sun's daily average last month was 3940.

TWO STORMS

Visit One Locality and Both Are Fatal.

Tecumseh, Neb., Sept. 15.—Two violent and seemingly distinct storms visited Johnson county this afternoon, resulting in the death of four persons, the fatal injury to two and painful injury to five.

The dead are: O. A. Giel, August Seeman, Roy Carmine, George Koehler. The first three were killed by fighting near Elm creek. A party of threshers were working on the farm of Henry Walthers, when a storm came up. Four of the men crawled under the threshing machine which was shattered by a bolt and three were instantly killed.

The second storm swept the country miles west of Tecumseh, demolishing a school house.

TUESDAY

WORK AT FIRST AND WASHINGTON STREETS WILL BEGIN.

Contractors Anticipate Little Delay as Other Work Will Be Completed Soon.

J. D. Harvey, of the Memphis Asphalt and Paving company is in the city making preparations for the beginning of the street work contracts which the company secured. Work will begin Tuesday morning at First and Washington streets. A number of experienced men will be brought here to form a nucleus for the raw labor which will be picked up in the city. They do not expect any trouble in securing sufficient labor as some other improvement work will have been completed by the time they get to work in earnest. The contract has been signed by the city and the company.

Lends Taft and Bacon.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Sept. 15.—It is officially announced that Secretary Taft will leave Washington for Cuba next Sunday, accompanied by Robert Bacon, assistant secretary of state.

MILLION

DOLLARS RAISED FOR MISSIONS BY CHURCH.

Methodist Conference Convened, Bishop Hendricks Presiding—Reports Heard.

Winchester, Ky., Sept. 15.—The second day's session of the Methodist conference was marked by a very able address by Rev. J. R. Nelson, of Nashville, Tenn., the new board secretary of home missions. Much of the regular routine business was postponed to give time for this address. The conference was called to order at 9 o'clock by Bishop Hendricks. After the devotional services, the secretary read the minutes of yesterday's session. It was voted that the calling of the roll should be dispensed with at the remaining sessions. The first report to be made was the general report of missions for the past year. The contributions for the past year amounted to \$1,000,000. The membership of the church in the foreign field increased 12 per cent. During the year missions had been established for the Jews and Italians.

THEY LIKE HIM.

Manager Meyers Recipient of Handsome Watch.

Mr. John L. Meyers, manager of the Mergenthaler-Horton Basket company, is preparing to go away on a three months' vacation and was yesterday presented with a fine gold-headed cane by employees of the company. Mr. Meyers is popular. The presentation speech was made by State Senator Wheeler Campbell.

GOVERNOR NAMES WEST KENTUCKIANS

Delegates to Deep Waterway Convention.

Will Go to St. Louis November 15 to Represent Kentucky in the Association.

BIG RESULTS ARE EXPECTED.

Frankfort, Sept. 15.—The governor appointed the following delegates from Kentucky to the Lakes-to-the-Gulf Deep Waterway association to be held in St. Louis November 15-16, 1906:

Paducah—W. L. Bower, S. A. Fowler, D. W. Coons. Smithland—C. H. Wilson, Capt. J. W. Bush, Charles H. Webb, Jr. Wickliffe—C. P. Howie, James A. Miller, George C. Boyd. Gilbertsville—R. F. Jenkins, B. C. Herndon, P. O. Felix. Hickman—R. T. Tyler, M. B. Shaw, L. E. Dodd. Columbus—Charles N. Walker, J. S. Davis.

Milburn—W. E. Aton. Bayou—G. N. McGrew. Kuttawa—Capt. W. J. Stone.

The Business Men's league of St. Louis informs the governor that this convention hopes to accomplish great things for the Mississippi valley, and that the governors and other prominent officials of the states bordering on the Mississippi will be in attendance.

Hotel's Fatal Collapse.

El Paso, Tex., Sept. 15.—Hotel Gomez Farias, in Chihuahua, Mexico, collapsed last night while 42 guests were housed in it. Four persons were killed and several others injured. The dead are Charles Arnel, an opera singer; Jesus Castello, a farmer; Edmondo Tellavas, a federal telegraph employee, and an unidentified man. Among those injured is J. M. Moulton, an American.

FIRST HOUSE

ON JEFFERSON STREET BUILT BY MR. AND MRS. BEYER.

Latter Dies Peacefully of Old Age on Street of Which She Was Pioneer.

Mrs. Mary Beyer, 78 years old, wife of Henry Beyer, manager of the shoemaking department of the George Rock Shoe company, died at the family home, 1018 Jefferson street, of general debility at 8:40 o'clock this morning. Mrs. Beyer, who was the oldest resident of West Jefferson street, had enjoyed extremely good health until about two weeks ago when her age resulted in the illness of short duration. Mrs. Beyer was Miss Mary Kaltenbrun and a native of Germany. She came to America with her parents in 1852. The family settled in Frankfort, Ky., where at the present day several of her relatives are prominent citizens. It was there that she met Mr. Beyer and shortly after their marriage they came to Paducah arriving here at the close of the war. Many years ago they built a neat cottage on Jefferson street which was about the first home in that section of the city. Mrs. Beyer was a life-long member of the German Evangelical church and had been a constant attendant of the Paducah church until a few days before her illness.

The body will be taken to Frankfort at 1:47 o'clock tomorrow morning, where the funeral and burial will be held.

INDIANS ON WARPATH.

Cocopa and Piute Braves at Each Other's Throats.

San Bernardino, Cal., Sept. 15.—Out on the desert at the town of Manvel where ninety Cocopa and seventy-five Piute Indians comprise the larger part of the population John Cocopa, chief of the tribe, was shot in the head and severely wounded last night by John Snyder, chief of the Piutes. Chief Snyder is being chased over the desert by 50 Cocopa braves, who swear vengeance.

In turn the Cocopas are being followed by the Piutes who say they will protect Chief Snyder at the risk of their lives.

AGAIN THREATENED IS CITY OF HAVANA BY THE INSURGENTS

Havana, Sept. 15.—Pino Guerra, commander of the insurgents in Pinar del Rio province, is within striking distance of Havana. The capital is again in dread of capture by rebels. Heavy fighting is reported near El Cano, ten miles southwest of Havana.

JUDGE SELECTED FOR HORSE SHOW

Scott Isbell, of Bowling Green Will Serve.

Well Known Horseman Who Has Proven Popular at Many Contests of This Kind.

ASSOCIATION AFTER ANOTHER.

In securing the services of Mr. Scott Isbell of Bowling Green, Ky., to judge in the coming horse show the Paducah Driving association has made a wise selection.

Mr. Isbell is one of the foremost horsemen in Kentucky and a leading business man of Warren county.

He is judging at the Glasgow fair this week and for many years past has been a prominent judge in the Central Kentucky Fair circuit. His work has received the highest notice from stock papers throughout the country, and his awards have been uniformly satisfactory to exhibitors.

The association is in correspondence with another well known horseman to assist Mr. Isbell and his name will be announced as soon as definite arrangements are concluded.

It will be a matter of gratification to exhibitors throughout this section to know that this important part of the horse show is to be in such capable hands. There is no single feature of the program which will carry the horse show on to complete success like competent judges.

Children's Prizes.

The children's events of the horse show promise to be interesting. The women in charge of the arrangements for the children's drill have already secured a number of entries, and the prizes offered are attractive enough to assure a still greater number.

The prizes are as follows: The best boy and girl rider, for the boy, a saddle, donated by Michael Bros.; for the girl, a saddle, donated by Rehkopf. For the best couple riding, for the boy, a lap robe, donated by the Hardy Buggy company; for the girl, a gold locket and chain, donated by J. A. Konetzka, the jeweler. For the best decorated rig, for girl or boy, the prize is a solid gold watch, and the second prize a lunch hamper. In addition to these handsome prizes the Driving association will present to each girl occupant of a rig a gold bracelet, and to each boy, a watch.

LARGEST CROWD

Ever Assembled in Radford Greeted W. J. Bryan.

Radford, Va., Sept. 15.—William J. Bryan addressed the largest crowd ever assembled here at the fair grounds today. He was given a warm reception. He was introduced by Governor Swanson, who broke important engagements in order to honor Bryan.

MOTHER AND CHILDREN

Meet Death in Flames Resulting From Lamp Explosion.

Jersey City, Sept. 15.—The explosion of a lamp in the home of Mrs. Mary Peterson this morning, caused a fire in which two children met their death. In a heroic effort to save the children the mother received burns which will cause her death.

Duel Fought Near Saragossa.

Madrid, Sept. 15.—Newspapers declare that the duel between General Linares, who commanded the Spanish troops at Santiago in the Spanish-American war, and Senor Soriano, editor of Espana Nueva, occurred this morning near Saragossa. Pistols were used and the conditions were particularly severe. No details of the result are given.

WILL CELEBRATE ON COLUMBUS DAY

Knights of Columbus Observe October 12.

The Rev. Father Nagle of Dubuque, Iowa, Will Lecture in Kentucky Theater.

ANNIVERSARY OF LANDING

The landing of Columbus occurred on October 12, 1492, but Americans, prone to keep green the memory of every epoch marking event in the history of their country, have failed to give any sort of recognition to this event, without which there could have been no American republic.

The Knights of Columbus, however, preserve the memory of the great discoverer's landing by fitting celebration and this year for the first time it will be observed in Paducah.

The local council of Knights of Columbus, which was organized last October, will give a patriotic program in the Kentucky theater October 12. The Rev. Father Nagle, of Dubuque, Iowa, who is well known to Paducahans by reason of his lecture at the chautauqua, will give an address.

The program, which has not yet been completed, will be in two parts. The first will consist of musical and literary selections. The second part will be devoted principally to an address on Columbus, by the Rev. Father Nagle.

Ten Workmen on Handcar Drowned.

Toledo, O., Sept. 15.—A handcar carrying ten trackmen of the Wheeling and Lake Erie railroad ran off an open draw over the Maumee river tonight and every one on the car drowned. Names not learned. An effort is being made to recover the bodies.

ON SIDEWALK

FLEW AUTO TO AVOID COLLISION WITH DISTRACTED FAMILY.

Group Scattered at Fourth and Broadway Like Chickens in Country Road.

Paducah has never had a serious automobile accident, but the lucky record came so near being broken shortly before noon today at Fourth street and Broadway.

A man accompanied by his wife and small child, and from all appearances from the depths of the rural districts with arms well filled with bundles after a shopping tour, were crossing Broadway from the north to the south side. Unaccustomed to the city they had failed to see if they could cross in safety, so when the "honk, honk," of a big touring car, driven by Daniel Fitzpatrick, manager of the Paducah Transfer company, startled them they became panic stricken. The man started one way, the woman jumped the other and both having hold of the child's hands the trio formed a living chain. The auto was bowling along at good speed and after the warning, Mr. Fitzpatrick's intention was to steer in behind the family of ruralists.

This could have been easily accomplished in safety had not the man and woman misguided. Quickly acting Mr. Fitzpatrick put on more speed and by taking to the sidewalk at the northwest corner he succeeded in rounding past the shoppers, missing the woman but an inch or two. In the struggle the woman's dress was almost torn from her.

SALCIDO DEPORTED.

Head of Mexican Revolutionary Junta Undesirable Citizen.

El Paso, Tex., Sept. 15.—The Nogales Times says that Abram Jose Salcido, president of the Douglas junta of Mexican revolutionists, has been turned over by United States Immigration Inspector George Webb at that place to the Mexican authorities and taken to Hermosillo, capital of Sonora. He was deported. It is said, on orders of the secretary of commerce and labor on the grounds of being an undesirable foreigner.

ATTRACTS CROWD TO COURT HOUSE

Arguments in Loving Case Late at Night.

Witness Farmer Was to Ill to Attend and the Jury Went to His House.

TOOK CASE THIS AFTERNOON

This morning at 12 o'clock while the whistles were blowing the noon hour the commonwealth attorney cut his speech short and the Loving case was given to the jury.

The court's instructions were brief and contained nothing specific. The jury retired and the defendant was taken to the jail to remain in the custody of the jailer until a verdict was reached.

This afternoon at 1:30 o'clock he ate a hearty dinner sent from his home.

"Yes, the testimony of Mr. Farmer came as a surprise," he stated, "and I hope it will have some effect on the jury. We were fortunate in securing his evidence. It will help a great deal, I hope."

Loving seemed in high spirits and hoped for acquittal.

After the jury retired the court adjourned for the day.

The grand jury did not report today.

The case of H. H. Loving, charged with the murder of H. A. Rose on the morning of August 3, 1905, in Loving's office in the Fraternity building, was given to the jury this afternoon shortly after the convening of court. The case attracted a great deal of attention and the court room could not hold the spectators. Ladders were placed against the walls leading to windows last night and this morning and persons sat outside on the grass to hear any scrap of argument made by the attorneys.

The fight for the life of H. H. Loving has been a hard one. The first conviction carried a penalty of five years and this is the second trial. Loving set up the plea of self-defense. The second trial brought forth startling testimony in favor of the defendant in the statement of R. F. Farmer, a brother to J. W. Farmer, both well known tobacco men.

Farmer swore he saw Rose enter the building wrapping a pistol in a handkerchief which he placed in his rear pocket.

Because Mr. R. F. Farmer, of 233 North Seventh street, was sick in bed, the jury and court in the Loving murder case had to go to him to secure the evidence he gave, that he saw Rose 20 minutes before the shooting with a pistol in his hand, as stated in yesterday's Sun. Mr. Farmer's physician refused to allow him to be carried to the court house on a cot, so the whole court went to him.

The argument is what has attracted attention and every attorney acquitted himself with credit. The speeches of Mon. Oille James for the defense, and R. T. Lightfoot for the prosecution, attracted attention particularly.

STABS MAN WHO EMBRACES HER

Indiana Girl Wounds Admirer Who Bestows Unwelcome Caress.

Booneville, Ind., Sept. 15.—Because he persisted in embracing her against her will Lute McGill was stabbed and wounded seriously by Mary Clisna today at a factory here, where both are employed.

Kaiser Pleases Americans.

Berlin, Sept. 15.—The American army officers, including General Barry and General Duval, who have been attending the German maneuvers, returned here today. General Barry said he was charmed with the emperor's courtesy and cordiality, and that the most complete facilities had been given the observers for professional study.

Murder Cases for Trial.

James Graham has been indicted for the murder of Claude Bass. His case is set for Tuesday in the criminal court. Cicero Anderson, charged with the murder of John Mix, will be tried on the same day.

No Truth in Charge.

The father of Ethel Jones, the little girl, whom Mrs. F. G. Burton, of Fourth and Ohio streets, was charged with abusing, stated today that there is no truth in the charge.

WEATHER:—Fair tonight, probably showers Sunday. Rising temperature. The highest temperature reached yesterday was 85 and the lowest today was 65.

BLACKMAIL WEST BADEN GAME.

Chicagoans Said to Have Used Dynamite in Levying Tribute.

West Baden, Ind., Sept. 15.—It develops that the state of Indiana, through Governor Hanly, has not been the only blighting agency working on the big West Baden and French Lick Monte Carlo industry. A systematic blackmailing concern with headquarters in Chicago and doing a tribute levying business of almost national scope has been making demands on the management of the two big Indiana concerns for some time before the state closed the casinos. By way of enforcing their demands, the blackmailers last June used dynamite, blowing a section out of the veranda of the French Lick resort, and on a second occasion touched off a charge of giant powder under the West Baden institution.

AFTER BOWLING

POLICEMAN MATLOCK GOES ON THE DICK FOWLER.

Has Heard That the Jail-Breaker Is Hiding Out Near Joppa—Reward Is Offered.

Policeman F. M. Matlock, who arrested Jim Graham, the confessed murderer of Claude Bass, is in Joppa, Ill., today to arrest Will Bowling, who escaped from the county jail here several days ago. Matlock got a tip that Bowling is in Joppa, had passed through Brookport en route to that city. He left this morning to bring him back, and believes that he will come without a requisition. There is a \$100 reward out for the arrest of the fugitive. Bowling has six months in jail to serve for stealing Chief of Police James Collins' dinner.

Missing Steamer Not Sighted.

Boston, Sept. 15.—No word from the steamer Brewster of the United Fruit company, which is more than six days overdue from Port Antonio, has been received by the officials of the concern in this city. A search may be made for her soon.

AGAINST WITTE

ATTEMPT WAS MADE BY RUSSIAN STUDENT.

Plot to Kill French President Revealed by Italian Police—Arrests Made.

Wiesbaden, Prussia, Sept. 15.

Armed with a bomb, revolver and dagger, a Russian student named Rosenberg, today made an unsuccessful attempt to assassinate Count Witte. The attack was made at Soden, near here, as Witte was leaving his carriage. Detectives seized him before he could throw the bomb or use the other weapons. He was overpowered and taken to jail.

Plot in France.

Marseilles, Sept. 15.—Receiving word of an attempt to be made to assassinate President Fallieres during his visit to this city today and tomorrow, the authorities arrested six Italian and Spanish anarchists. More are under surveillance and will be arrested. The tip on which the anarchists were arrested came from the Italian police.

CORBIN TO BE RETIRED TODAY.

General Reaches Age Limit and Will Be Succeeded by Greeley.

Washington Sept. 15.—Lieutenant General Henry C. Corbin, in charge of the northern division of the army with headquarters at St. Louis, will go on the retired list today, having reached the age limit, 64 years. Major General A. W. Greeley, lately in command of the Pacific division, left for St. Louis today and will replace him.